

TOO MUCH GOLD GOES IN TRINKETS

Melting Down of Sovereigns For This Purpose Causes Uneasiness.

LONDON, March 9.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The practice of melting British gold sovereigns to mix with other metals and make jewelry to sell to suddenly enriched munition workers and their wives is said to have become so alarming that an effort may be made during the present session of Parliament to pass a law to prohibit it. There are not many sovereigns in circulation in England, they having been recalled shortly after the outbreak of the war, but they can be obtained easily in exchange for paper notes at the Bank of England.

The gold reserve in the Bank of England at the present time is estimated at about \$255,000,000. There are other gold reserves of course, in the hands of other joint stock banks. One of the aims of the government is to prevent sovereigns going out of the country to keep up the reserve gold supply and to prevent the gold from reaching the enemy.

For the past six months or even since the munition workers began to work night and day and draw greatly increased wages they have been having gold coins melted for jewelry. The practice is said to have become especially noticeable in Birmingham where many of the large jewelry manufacturers are located. There is no law against the practice of melting government money.

Home Williams, a member of Parliament from Nottingham, who thinks the government ought to make it a punishable crime to melt sovereign down to make jewelry, said:

"As the law now stands, a man can take a five-pound note to the Bank of England and demand sovereigns for it. He can then take the gold coins to his factory, melt them down, mix the gold with certain other metals, and make the jewelry. The mere squandering of the munition workers' money in this way, in a time of national distress when the surplus is needed for silver bullets and for a support for the worker and his family in possible days of need to come, is a bad thing."

There is another serious side to it. The State spends money in converting bar gold into sovereigns, and anybody can go along and get the sovereigns and melt them again. Also, if a man wants to take golden sovereigns to Germany he cannot do so, as there is an embargo against taking sovereigns out of this country. There is no regulation, however, against his taking gold in other forms.

"Therefore, if a man wants to supply Germany with British gold he can take notes to the Bank of England, get sovereigns for them, melt them down, and take the gold, say, to Holland and then get it into Germany. As our gold reserve, in comparison with that of Germany, is so small, it becomes a serious matter to allow this golden drain."

Optimistic Thought.

What man calls instinct in a beast is more excellent than reason in a man.

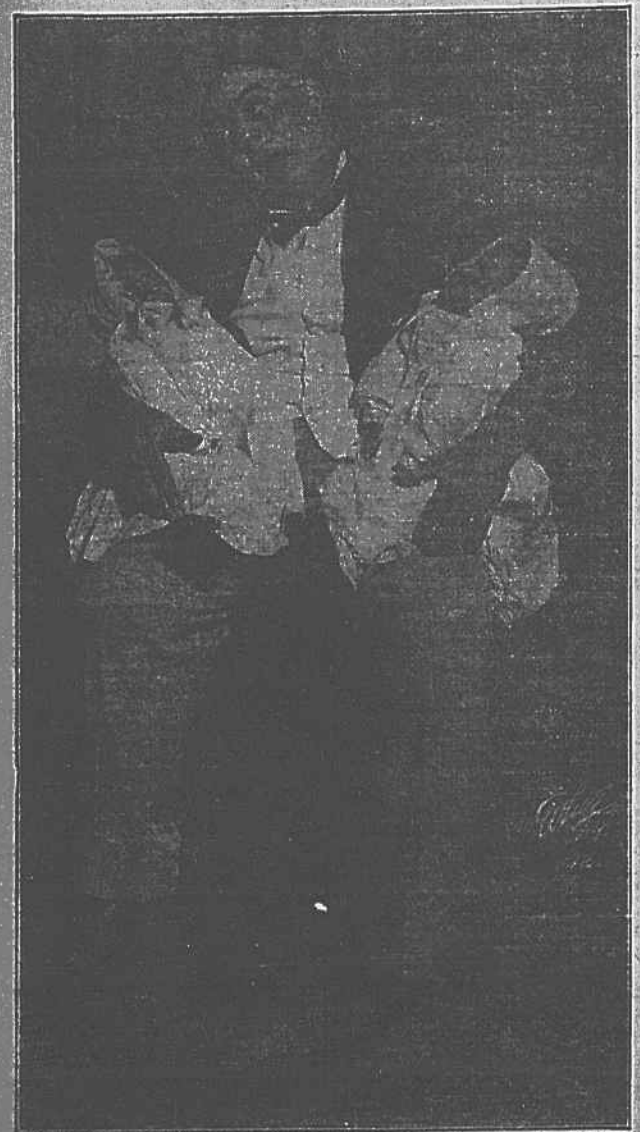
Worth While Quotations.

"To educate the intelligence is to enlarge the horizon of its desires and wants."—Lowell.

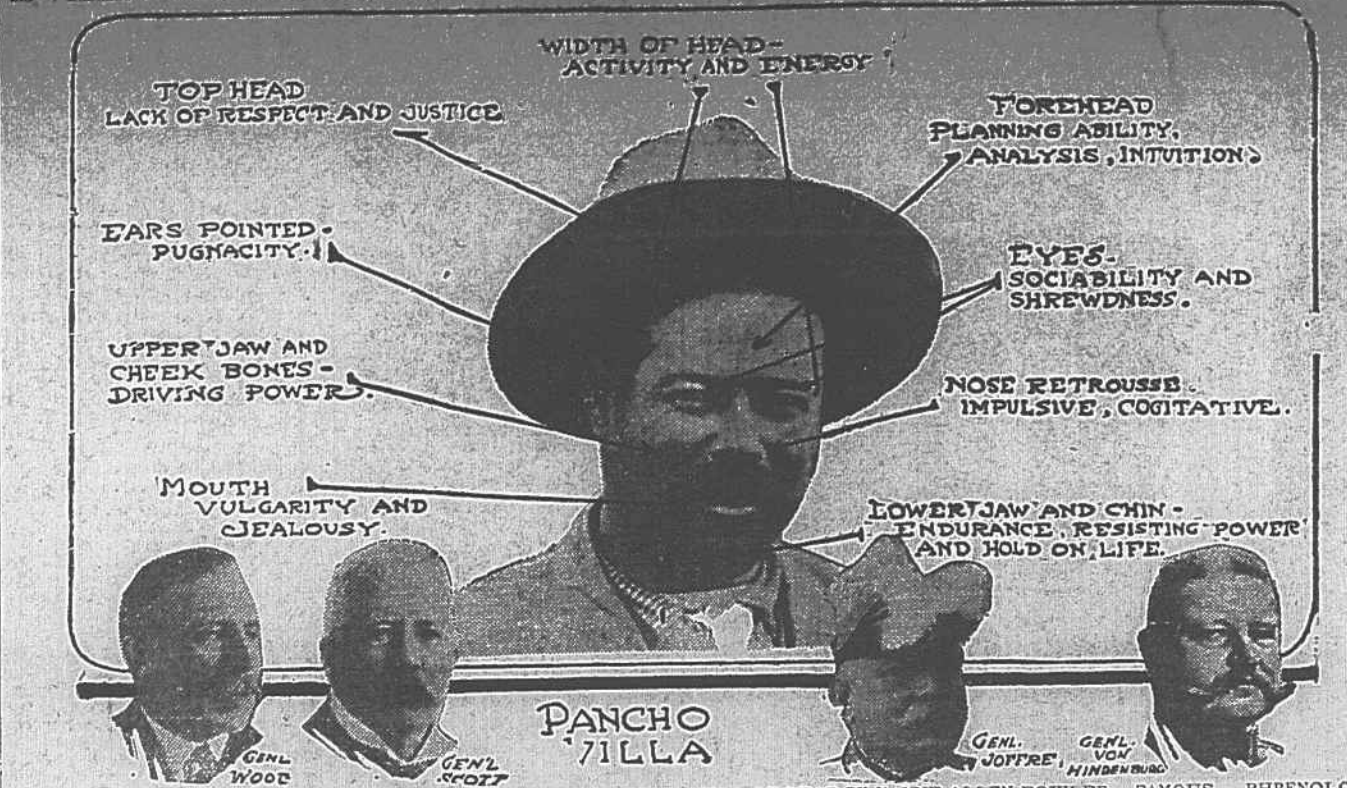
Lines to Be Remembered.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle which fits them all.—Holmes.

Jefferson De Angelis in a Scene From "Some Baby."



IS VILLA A GREAT MILITARY GENIUS? OR JUST A CRIMINAL BANDIT? HIS HEAD TELLS STORY.



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HEAD AND FACE OF FRANCESCO VILLA AS READ BY JESSIE ALLEN FOWLER, FAMOUS PHRENOLOGIST, AND HEADS OF GREAT MILITARY GENERALS.

BY JESSIE ALLEN FOWLER, Famous New York Phrenologist.

New York, March 22.

Francisco Villa, the Mexican bandit, cannot, according to laws of phrenology, be considered a true military leader. He has strong evidence of being a criminal bandit.

As a military leader he cannot be compared with Major General Hugh L. Scott or Major General Leonard Wood. Neither can he be compared with General Joffre or General Petain, of the French army; Hindenburg or the Crown Prince, of the German army, or General French or General Kitchner, of the English army.

Villa's tactics are guerilla warfare and the psychological aspect of his make-up shows him incapable of carrying on legitimate warfare.

In examining a character of this

kind one must take into account the bringing up, environment and education of the subject, to get the right viewpoint.

What would be applicable to a general of the type of Joffre, Hindenburg and Kitchner would not apply to a man of Villa's type, who is uncultured, uncouth, and without mental poise. One might almost say he is irresponsible for his actions, psychologically speaking.

Villa has an active temperament, which is seen in his strong framework, powerful muscular system and capacious chest. With this temperament he gets his restless, active, warlike enterprising mind.

Joined to the temperament is his vital or emotional nature, which makes him quick to rally around him people of even less capable type.

His chief characteristics are easily seen from his head and face. He is a man who, through force of circumstances and superior activity, has been

placed at the head of bandits and ruffians like himself.

He has only little restraint. Lack of caution makes him daring. He knows nothing about personal fear.

He has just enough secretiveness to make him cunning in the arrangement of his plans, but he has not the sagacity or reserve of an ordinary man.

His lack of culture and refinement spring from his strong animal nature. He is careless about human life and the treatment he is inclined to give other people.

He has a misanthropic element which makes him sarcastic and vulgar and inclined to laugh and joke with his men, who probably think him a jolly fellow.

The photographs of Villa indicate, through his long and square jaw, that he has wonderful resisting power, and ability to go through trying circumstances, lack of sleep, rest or food.

He has the energy born of ambition

and the desire to conquer, but not to yield.

His broad and strong upper jaw and cheekbones indicate driving power.

His eyes show sociability and shrewdness; he would get some pleasures out of taking advantage of others who were less bold than himself.

Pictures that show his lips and mouth indicate vulgarity and jealous disposition.

His ear, pointed at the top, indicates a strong degree of will power, and stubbornness. It also shows lack of moral responsibility which the round full ear indicates, as we see in pictures of Washington, Lincoln and others.

His forehead shows he has capacity to plan, to analyze a situation and size up an individual. He has a pretty good idea, I believe, of President Wilson and members of his cabinet.

He is not a law abiding man, as most people recognize law, and should be treated as an irresponsible being.

ed to see her. They are Roy Wilson, of Buckhannon, and Dr. Thomas Wilson, of Elkins. Dr. Wilson has not seen his mother for 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher were visiting Mrs. Della Fisher and Mrs. Afta Michael recently, of Grant Town.

Archie Snyder, Blake Snyder and a few other young people attended the close of school Friday night and reported a fine time.

Miss Mattie Lear, of Hamlet Point, and Virgil Hough, of Cool Spring, son

of Newt Hough, were married at the parsonage at Arnettsville by Rev. H. S. Chapman. Miss Hoar is the youngest daughter of Will Hoar. Both are popular young people and will be missed in the young people's society. We extend to them best wishes for a life of happiness.

N. E. Fisher is working for R. W. Hone.

S. C. Morgan was visiting his step-mother, Mrs. Small Morgan, at Flich-

ersville, a few days ago and also was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Duke Shaffer. Mrs. Dora Young was shopping at Fairmont Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Hall is going to keep house for Nate Smith near Harmony Grove.

Ernest Kernes spent Saturday evening with Miss Waugh.

Charles Fisher was visiting John Fisher at Grant Town recently.

Eury Barker was a business caller in Fairmont on Saturday last.

The Arnettsville school practiced practiced their pieces last Saturday night preparing for an entertainment.

Kate Snyder spent Sunday with Mrs. Thilo Wildman.

Mrs. Della Fisher spent Tuesday with Mrs. Mattie McElroy.

WORTHINGTON.

Miss Helen Kerwin, a young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kerwin, has been very sick for several days.

Irasc McIntire and Dr. W. W. Or attended Masonic Lodge at Shinnston on Friday night last.

Perry D. Burton, of Monongah, was in town on Thursday and Friday looking after his political fences.

Charles O. Mesinger left for Pitts-

burgh on Saturday for a few days' visit.

James I. Michaels, who was a business visitor in Pittsburgh several days last week, returned home Monday.

Rev. C. C. Lawson preached an interesting sermon in the M. P. church on Sunday evening on the theme "Hereditry," Lam. 5:7.

Rev. Frank B. Osberg, of Morgan-town, has accepted the call to serve as minister of the Christian church and will begin his work next Sunday, the 29th, preaching both morning and evening.

James I. Michaels, the stockman, has announced his fourth annual sale of registered Jersey cattle for April 14 next.

I. McIntire, the merchant, left for Pittsburgh on Monday morning and will spend the week in the Iron City purchasing 1 1/2 stock of spring and summer goods for the store here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Snyder, of Fairview, were visiting relatives here on Monday and Tuesday.

W. H. Billingslea, of Fairmont, was

a business caller here on Monday and Tuesday.

George W. B. has accepted a position as clerk in a hotel at Denora, Pa. and left for there this week to accept upon his duties. This leaves a vacancy in the restaurant on precinct No. 1.

Working against evil have to be supplied with new election booths before the bond election. The booths were stored in the old school building, and when March 22, the election day, the booths were removed to the new building and have been taken up by the city.

HOULT.

There are not many spring birds in evidence yet, but the most popular bird about Houlit, seemingly, is the stork. On the 19th this long-legged bird paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tichner and left a girl. The next day it dropped in at James H. Sniders where their daughter, Mrs. Willie Crim, was on a visit and left a boy. The happy father, Fred Crim, had been on a visit to Ohio and just barely returned in time to meet the stork leaving.

Fred Crim and Will Hesa were both on a visit to Ohio last week.

Ed. McVicker, a B. & O. bridge carpenter, of Connellsville, was in Houlit Saturday night.

Earl Holbert, returned from his trip to Pennsylvania last week with the decision not to move, as old West Virginia is good enough for him.

A. O. Marks is very sick with grip.

Mrs. Alice Wilson is also seriously indisposed.

Houlit has an active wake-up Sunday school, in spite of the raw disagreeable March weather of last Sunday added to the bad roads, the attendance was 68, which was nearly half the total population of Houlit, and more than 75 per cent of total enrollment. The collection was \$13.85. Several regular attendants were kept away by sickness.

Only on the Stage. Husbands have become so kind and considerate that a woman has to go to the theater in order to realize how tyrannical and cruel society is toward her sex.

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GEORGETOWN.

Miss Della Cordray returned to her home last week after spending three months with Mrs. Anna Chapman.

Mrs. Small Morgan, aged 81 years, is seriously ill and not expected to recover, at her home near Flichersville, with hardening of the arteries. Mrs. Morgan has been in bad health for some time and was sicker worse a few weeks ago. Her sons were call-

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